

Wisconsin Home for Veterans
218 Bragg Street (House)
King
Waupaca County
Wisconsin

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Location: 218 Bragg Avenue, King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 218 Bragg Avenue is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a two-story front gable form built from a design by William Waters that suggests the Shingle Style of architecture (see page 9-10 of the narrative overview for additional information). It has a gable roof with green asphalt shingles, a concrete block foundation, and an enclosed front porch. A large gable-roofed dormer projects from the east side of the roof. The building measures 24 feet, 2 inches on the front and back walls and 38 feet, 7 inches on the side walls. A porch enclosure that covers the side entrance measures 19 feet, 9 inches long and 14 feet, 10 inches wide. The house is covered with clapboard siding, and the broad front gable is covered with square wood shingles. Windows are single-light double-hung sashes that are not decorated. (See photographs WI-323I-1 and WI-323I-2)

A wood and glass entry door leads to the interior of the cottage. To the left of the entry is the living room which is open to the dining room. To the right of the dining room is the kitchen. In front of the kitchen is a closet and bathroom. A bedroom is in front of the bathroom. An enclosed porch leads to the basement stairs in the southwest corner of the building. An enclosed staircase leads to the second floor which has two bedrooms and a bathroom. The basement is one large room with a concrete floor. The interior flooring is maple and many rooms have been carpeted. The wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges; and there are some modern doors. The trim around the doors and windows consists of wide wood moldings that are painted. There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant. There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the bathrooms.

History: This cottage was built around 1900 from the design by William Waters. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information on this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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